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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 6th, 1895.

On the 20th ultimo a deputation composed of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee and other Chinese gentlemen waited upon the Governor and laid before His Excellency certain representations on subjects which they considered required attention at the hands of the Executive. The Governor promised to consider the representations submitted to him, and he has now transmitted his reply through the Registrar-General, the authorized channel of communication between the Chinese and the Government. The reply was published in our issue of Saturday, and is clear and concise. The first point touched upon is that of the Tung Wah Hospital Fund, a mere matter of detail as to which the Governor falls in with the views of the deputation. The next subject is Gambling. The Committee requested the suppression of *pat-hoo-pai* and *tsu-fu* lotteries on account of the social and moral injury caused by them. The Governor replies that the police have orders to act in the suppression of public gambling with as great energy as the law will permit, and says that if the existing law is not sufficient the Government will propose a new Ordinance on this subject. Our own view is that it is impossible to suppress gambling; it would be better to bring it under more effective control by the establishment of a proper licensing system. This, however, is not the view of the Government, nor apparently of the Chinese. The Governor suggests that Chinese owners of houses can materially assist the efforts of the Government by not allowing their houses to be used for gambling or other immoral purposes—a very wholesome suggestion which, it is to be hoped, Chinese owners of property will duly note and act upon, thus giving practical effect to the views they have expressed. The next subject touched upon is a serious one with a very amusing side to it. The Committee were informed, with some steps to be taken to prevent married women from deserting their husbands in China and coming to Hongkong. They recommended that such women should be delivered up to the Chinese Authorities and by them restored to their husbands and families. They urge also that a law punishing adultery criminally (in the woman only, we understand) should be enacted in Hongkong as in China. In the Blue Book on Restrictions on Chinese, we find no mention of this matter as a grievance under which the Chinese population of Hongkong were groaning. Had it been so mentioned it would hardly have commanded the sympathy of the English humanitarians. The representation of the Committee serves to show how unfitted the Chinese really are to take any direct part in the Government of the Colony. They have not yet imbibed the spirit of English freedom, and if they were allowed to have their own way would cause this Colony to be assimilated to that of China, including its tyranny and some of its barbarities. The position of the woman in China is one of degradation and hardship. Whether wife or concubine she is practically in the absolute power of the man and possesses no rights in her own person. The treatment she receives is often cruel, as it must necessarily be under such a system, human nature being what it is. The answer of the Governor is clear and to the point. He says the Government of Hongkong has much difficulty in dealing with questions of this nature, in consequence of the importance attached by the English people to the right and principles of personal liberty; and although this personal liberty may in some cases, such as the present, seem to entail undesirable consequences, yet His Excellency is sure that the gentlemen who waited on him, who have many proofs of the advantages which

confer on all residents in this Colony, will not desire that it should be unconstitutionally curtailed. It will be noted, however, that what the deputation proposed was that in the case of women this liberty should not be decided by the Executive. His Excellency goes on to say that persuasion is the only weapon that can be employed, and that the Registrar-General has instructions to give every assistance in his power towards inducing runaway Chinese wives to return to their husbands. We wish Dr. Stewart every success in the performance of this delicate duty, but judging from two eyes which are mentioned in the reply his persuasive powers do not always prevail with the percat ladies. The next question touched upon is that of hawkers' stalls. The deputation requested that hawkers might be allowed to have stationary stalls in the streets, and His Excellency, without making any definite promise, says that in all well regulated cities certain rules are necessary for securing order and cleanliness, that nothing further is contemplated in Hongkong, and that in carrying out the regulations the police have strict orders to exercise forbearance as far as the law permits. It is, however, rather difficult to know what the Chinese really want in this matter. A deputation which waited upon Mr. MANNING while he was administering the Government, represented that the hawkers' stalls were a nuisance, and although the remarks of the spokesman on that occasion were afterwards informally disclaimed by some of the deputation, and he himself afterwards said he found he had not represented the general opinion, still such vacillation makes it difficult to know what the Chinese do really want. Another question touched upon is that of districts for rent, the Chinese complaining that the new system of having to take out districts through the Supreme Court causes delay. This is a matter of detail as to which the Governor says there must be some misapprehension on the part of the deputation. The last and most important question is that of the bankruptcy law. The present bankruptcy law is defective and unsatisfactory in every respect; its defects have been repeatedly commented on, and it is satisfactory to be at length informed that the Attorney-General is now preparing a new Ordinance on bankruptcy which will shortly be laid before the Legislative Council. We can only hope it will prove to be such a measure as to remedy in a complete manner the evils which now exist.

To-day, being a bank holiday, will be observed as a holiday by the Government departments. There will be a meeting of the Legislative Council at half-past two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

On Saturday the business before the Police Court was of a limited character, the list of cases being small, and trivial in character. The O.S.C. Co.'s steamer *Twelve*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of Saturday, the 4th inst., for this port and Shanghai. The steamer *Twelve* arrived on the morning of the 5th inst., having made a record of 17 days for the voyage. A Rangoon telegram to the *Indian Daily News* states that a trial of Chinese law is to be made in Burma for agricultural and mining purposes; the results are to be reported.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Queen's steamer *Albatross* is to be employed as a tender for the *Albatross* at Hongkong, and that the *Albatross* is to be employed as a tender for the *Albatross* at Hongkong.

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**MAIL EXPECTED.**

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ozama*, with  
next American mail, left Yokohama on the  
4, and may be expected here on or about the  
11 instant.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The steamer *Glenorchy*, from London, left  
Yokohama on the 1st, and may be expected to  
arrive here on or about the 7th instant.

The N. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Camorta*, left  
Yokohama on the 1st, and is due here on or about  
the 11th inst.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The authorised list of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published once each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given above.

**A MAIL WITH CHARGE**  
For Shanghai.—For Fooksang, to-day, the 13th August, at 9.00 A.M.  
For Hallow and Pakhoi.—For Fung-on, to-morrow, the 14th August, at 9.00 A.M.

THE FOREIGN MAIL.  
*Day before Departure.*  
 10 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.  
 Post Office closes except the night box which is always open out of office hours.  
*Day of Departure.*  
 10 A.M.—Post Office closes.  
 A.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and papers ceases.  
 10 A.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
 10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fe 10 Cents until time of departure.  
 10.30 A.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 4.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fe of 10 Cents until time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
 The following hours are observed in closing mails, &c., by the British Consular Packet.—  
*Day of Departure.*  
 10 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.  
 10 P.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posts of 10 Cents and under made in post office cases.  
 10 P.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

**10 p.m.**—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
**10 p.m.**—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

No responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries, to notes addressed to subordinates or flows. The refusal to affix to sell stamps should especially be regarded as able to give correct information.

**n.** The Postal Guide alone is the standard on points on which such information may be required.

Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Banks between Hongkong and any of the British or Chinese Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Mexico, and the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. The weight of such parcels may be 1 foot long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, which more or less, not to smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 1 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they are to be sent by registered post. Parcels containing letters, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of parcels for India a declaration of contents and a list of the articles enclosed must be sent with the parcel gratis. The Registration of Parcels in India and Ceylon is compulsory.

**MONEY LETTERS.**  
Public attention is called to the following  
direct from the Hongkong Postal Guide,  
Paragraph 60—  
"The Post Office declines all responsibility  
unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes  
and any other Documentation has been neglected."  
It is believed that the Post Office will not  
refuse in flat tin, which are not so liable  
round ones to be burgled in.  
By 7 by it is suggested as a round  
The tin should not have sharp corners.  
To provide means of remitting small sums  
money to or from this Colony and between

[illegible]

**WEST COAST.**  
**BOVO WALK,** Brit. S-m. schooner, G. Graham.  
*-Oahu.*  
**BREITENBURG,** Ger. bark, W. G. Becker.—Ed. Schell.  
*-hans & Co.*  
**COLUMBIA,** Brit. str., Hoenemann—Simonsen  
& Co.  
**DUNCANSON,** Brit. str., McCallin—Russell & Co.  
**EMERALD,** Brit. str. G. Amelle.—Russell & Co.  
**FALCONER,** Am. ship, Werland.—Adamsou,  
Doyle & Co.  
**HAWKINS,** Brit. str. Drake.—Geo. E. Storens  
& Co.  
**M. MANNING,** Brit. bark, H. Kipred.—Olinaga

